

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) Endless rope (10) containing primary strands (12), the primary strands (12) containing laid-up secondary strands (14), the laid-up secondary strands (14) containing rope yarns (16), wherein the primary strands (12) have been laid up from 3, 4 or 6 secondary strands (14) and the rope contains a splice in at least every primary strand.

2. (Original) Endless rope according to claim 1, wherein the rope has been laid up from 3, 4 or (1+6) primary strands.

3. (Original) Endless rope according to claim 1, wherein the rope has been braided from 8 or 12 primary strands.

4. (Currently amended) Endless rope according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the rope contains HMPE yarns.

5. (Currently amended) Endless rope according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein the diameter of the rope is more than 20 mm.

6. (Original) Endless rope according to claim 5, wherein the length of the rope is more than 1000 metres.